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THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS SUPPORTS USDOT'S CALL TO ACTION

WASHINGTON, DC — The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) is a strong supporter of the [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#) (NRSS) issued one year ago by the USDOT to address the roadway safety crisis that is occurring on our nation's highways. Today ITE is responding affirmatively to USDOT's Call to Action to implement the NRSS.

ITE applauds USDOT Secretary Buttigieg's leadership in issuing this Call To Action. "ITE will continue to be a strong advocate for use of the Safe System Approach and reaffirms our commitment to helping our members implement this strategy to save lives," said Jeff Paniati, CEO and Executive Director, ITE.

ITE is among the nation's "First Movers," 49 organizations and businesses recognized by the USDOT as having already committed to help reverse the crisis that is killing more than 40,000 people each year in America.

ITE has and will continue to deliver a wide range of products to support widespread adoption of the Safe System Approach, including:

- [Implementing the Safe System Approach Course](#), a new certificate-based blended learning course that provides an in-depth understanding of the Safe System Approach and its application. The intended audience for the course is transportation planners, engineers, safety data analysts, public health professionals, and other key stakeholders with shared responsibility within the Safe System. The first class for this course started in mid-January and additional classes will be forthcoming.
- ITE and its technical councils continue to be committed to developing and distributing thought leadership on various aspects of the Safe System Approach. ITE recently published a technical brief on [Incorporating Big Data into Safety Analysis: An Integrated and Proactive Approach](#).

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- ITE's [Safe System webpage](#) includes an explanation of the Safe System Approach, a discussion on the Safe System Framework, and relevant Safe System resources for transportation professionals. ITE also established a [Speed Management for Safety resource hub](#) for use by all transportation professionals.
- ITE recently completed the **Safe System Approach for the Urban Core** project for the FHWA Office of Safety, which focused on how to achieve zero fatalities and serious injuries in an urban core with dense development, high level of road conflicts, and presence of vulnerable users. This report is expected to be published by FHWA in 2023.
- The **Speed Management for Safe System Approach** project was recently completed by ITE for the FHWA Office of Safety to provide state and local practitioners with a newly developed framework for a Safe System Approach to speed management. This report is expected to be published by FHWA in 2023.
- ITE will continue to encourage transportation professionals to become certified as [Roadway Safety Professionals](#) (RSP) through the Transportation Professional Certification Board. The RSP certification is targeted to professionals involved in a wide array of safety-related disciplines to establish their competency in providing for the safety of the traveling public.

ITE will build from these ongoing efforts and advocate strongly for inclusion of the Safe System Approach across its membership base of more than 17,000 transportation professionals.

About ITE — Founded in 1930, ITE is an international membership association of transportation professionals who work to improve safety and mobility for all transportation system users and help build smart and livable communities. Through its products and services, ITE promotes professional development and career advancement for its members, supports and encourages education, identifies necessary research, develops technical resources including standards and recommended practices, develops public awareness programs, and serves as a conduit for the exchange of professional information. Through meetings, seminars, publications, and a network of more than 17,000 members working in 78 countries, ITE connects members to a world of ideas, people, and resources. For more information, visit www.ite.org.

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